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Mr. Norm Young
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Re: Ronald Schnable BLRID Manager/ letter

Dear Mr. Young:

We would like to clarify some of the issues regarding General Magrs. Mr. Ron Schnabel's letter dated August 4, 1999.

Insofar as the BLRID is concerned the Directors, (as per the book of Decree, and the adjudication) have management control of the Mackay Reservoir including the notification to storage owners the amount of water they have been allocated for each season. However once these allocations are issued the delivery of the said storage water as well as the decreed and pump water is the responsibility for delivery of the Watermaster of Water District#-34. That being the case the BLRID then hires ditchriders that also work for the Watermaster in delivering all water.

The office of BLRID has the responsibility at this point to post the deliveries as authorized by the Watermaster as he calls what decrees are on. In doing a weekly report the many overdrafts (including out of district) indicate that water is being delivered where no right exist, that water could be coming from our Mackay Reservoir.

The Board of Directors has no authority to be using that water since it belongs as a property right and is held in trust for landowners in the district.

The thrust of our concern then is our fear of personal liability for this private allocated water not being there when called for since it appears it is being promiscuously delivered

We the undersigned BLRID Board of Directors have not authorized any water delivery to individuals that do not have decrees on, have no supplemental wells, no storage water or rotation credits, nor have we allowed huge continuing and accumulating overdrafts, as stated in #9 of Mr. Ron Schnabel's letter. We also are not party to delivering Storage water outside the district. Mr. Schnabel was asked by the BLRID Board of Directors to send a letter to you, but these are not the questions that we understood were going to be asked. There is no excess water !!!

Sincerely,

Charles Huggins
BLRID Director

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Vivian J. Ellwein
BLRID Director

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Cc: Ron Carlson, Eastern Region, IDWR
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BLRID Board of Directors/ Ron Schnabel Manager